

City of Auburn Senior Activity Center

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Auburn's Senior Activity Center Changes Leadership

The City of Auburn has announced the retirement of Senior Activity Center Supervisor Cheryl Sallee, and the promotion of Radine Lozier to the position. Sallee will officially retire from her position Jan. 31, 2007.

Sallee hit the 30-year mark with the City of Auburn in November 2006, all of those years spent working with the senior community of Auburn. She has seen the senior center movement grow locally and nationally. Locally, she was able to work in three facilities and oversee the opening of two additional senior centers in Auburn, most recently the building at 808 Ninth St. SE that opened in 2001, and is part of the Les Gove Community Campus.

"Senior centers were stereotypically thought of as places where only old, poor people came to hang out and play cards and rock in rockers," says Sallee. "The programs and job can hardly be compared to those early days. As the buildings have gotten bigger, so have programs, staff, responsibilities, programs, services, expectations and numbers of volunteers and participants."

Parks, Arts & Recreation Director Daryl Faber announced Lozier's elevation to the supervisory position on Dec. 8. She has been the Center's Recreation Coordinator since 1986 and will assume her new duties on Feb. 1, 2007. She received her Bachelor of Science in Gerontology from Central Washington University with minors in Recreation and Social Service and immediately began her career with the City. Lozier has received many accolades in her tenure with Auburn, including 1999 City of Auburn Employee of the Year and Washington State Senior Centers Professional of the Year, and the 2003

Spirit of Auburn Award. She is also a graduate of the Leadership Institute of South Puget Sound (2006) and a past president of the Washington State Association of Senior Centers (1999-2003).

“The Auburn Senior Activity Center has been part of my daily life for the last 20 years. I feel blessed to work at a wonderful facility with outstanding staff, volunteers and participants,” Lozier stated upon hearing of her new duties. “I look forward to the challenge and the opportunity to continue my career as the Senior Center Supervisor.”

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